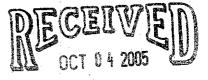


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Mr. Russell Jim, Manager Environmental Restoration/ Waste Management Program Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation 2808 Main Street Union Gap, Washington 98903

Dear Mr. Jim:



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The Tri-Parties, composed of the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and State of Washington Department of Ecology, are in the process of finalizing the Record of Decision (ROD) for the remediation of the 221-U Facility (Canyon Disposition Initiative) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980.

Representatives from the Tri-Parties would be more than happy to meet with you at a location of your choice to brief you on this soon-to-be issued ROD and the future plans for this project. Please contact Kevin Clarke, DOE Office of Organizational Effectiveness and Communications, on (509) 376-6332 to make arrangements for a meeting.

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Sincerely,

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